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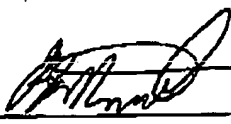
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- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ An Amendment Responsive to the Office Action Dated November 4, 2004.
- ☐ An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed
- ☐ A Substitute Specification (pages 1 -) in clean form.
- ☐ A substitute specification (pages 1 -) with markings.
- ☐ An Abstract is enclosed.
- ☐ replacement sheets of drawings are enclosed comprising figures
- ☐ Request is hereby made to accept black and white photograph(s) in this case, as they are the only practicable medium for illustrating the claimed invention. One (1) set of black and white photographs comprising figure(s) is submitted herewith.

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- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer is attached.
- ☐ Appendices as follows:
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- ☐ No Additional Fee is Due.
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- ☐ This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.



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Sir:**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111**

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment and remarks contained herein in response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2004. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment and remarks contained herein place the instant application in condition for allowance.

- ☐ Amendments to the Specification begin on page of this paper.
- ☒ Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ Amendments to the Drawings begin on page of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A system to schedule calls for placement comprising:
a service switching point (SSP) being in communication with a first telephone station associated with said a scheduling party and at least one other telephone station associated with at least one scheduled party to be called, said first telephone station receiving call schedule information on a telephone interface and communicating said call schedule information to said service switching point (SSP);
a service node (SN) communicating with the service switching point (SSP), said service node (SN) switching point (SSP) adapted to connect at least one other telephone station with the said first telephone station in accordance with said call schedules; and
a service control point (SCP) communicating with said service switching point (SSP), and comprising: an administrative computing application, a call scheduling computing application, and a call information database, said service control point (SCP) identifying said service node (SN) as adapted to connect said at least one other telephone station with the first telephone station in accordance with said call schedules wherein said service control point (SCP) and said service node (SN) place a confirmation call to an alternate telephone station associated with said scheduling party.
2. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein said service switching point (SSP) upon receipt of a request from said first telephone station to schedule a call, sends a request to said service control point (SCP) to execute said administrative computing application and said call scheduling application, said administrative computing application determining if said first telephone station is allowed to schedule calls, said call scheduling application, upon confirmation that said first telephone station is allowed to schedule calls, cooperating with said service switching point (SSP) to accept, store and manage required call scheduling data.
3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein said service switching point (SSP), upon receipt of a request from said service control point (SCP), communicates a request from



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said service control point (SCP) to identify service nodes (SN) that may be used to communicate with said first telephone station, said service switching point (SSP) cooperating with said identified service nodes (SN) to prompt said first telephone station to input call schedule information indicative of desired scheduled calls.

4. (Previously Presented) The system recited in of claim 3, wherein said prompts comprise information representative of: a request to enter the time of the said scheduled call, a request to enter the frequency of the said scheduled call, and a request to enter the telephone number of the said scheduled call, and a request to enter the telephone number of said confirmation call.

5. (Previously Presented) The system recited in of claim 2, wherein said call schedule application of said service control point (SCP) creates a record for each scheduled call and storing said record in said call information database.

6. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein said request from said first telephone station includes information identifying at least the subscriber to the call scheduling service.

7. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 2; wherein said service switching point (SSP) launches a trigger application in response to the request from said first telephone station, said trigger application generating the request to the said service control point (SCP).

8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 2, wherein the request to the said service control point (SCP) from the said service switching point (SSP) comprises information identifying a telephone station associated with said scheduling party to call at the time of a scheduled call.

9. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 2, wherein said service control point (SCP), in response to the request from the said service switching point (SSP), searches



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said database for information identifying service nodes (SN) adapted to place calls to said scheduling party and to said scheduled party.

10. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein said call schedule application of said service control point (SCP) monitors the time for scheduled calls; said call schedule application, upon reaching the time for a scheduled call communicates to said service switching point (SSP) information representative of said scheduled call comprising identified service nodes (SN) that may be used to complete the scheduled call and a request to place a confirmation call to the scheduling party, said service switching point (SSP) communicating with least one of said service nodes (SN) a request to place said confirmation call.

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, wherein said service node (SN), in response to the request from the service switching point (SSP), places said confirmation call to said first at least one other telephone station indicative of said scheduling party.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The system recited in of claim 11 or 12, wherein said service control point (SCP), upon receiving confirmation for said scheduled call, instructs said service switch point (SSP) to place said scheduled call to said scheduled party using said identified service node (SN).

14. (Previously Presented) The system recited in of claim 11 or 12, wherein said call schedule application of said service control point (SCP), upon receiving no confirmation for said scheduled call, deletes the created record for the scheduled call.

15. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the connection between said service switching point (SSP) and said at least one other telephone station comprises a second service switching point (SSP).



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16. (Previously Presented) In an advanced intelligent network (AIN) comprising a service switching point (SSP) connected to a first telephone station, a plurality of service nodes (SN) each having interactive data systems, a service control point (SCP) containing a database, and at least one telephone station, a method of call scheduling from a first telephone station to schedule calls to said at least one other telephone station, comprising the acts of:

(a) at the service switching point (SSP), accepting call schedule information from said first telephone station, representative wherein said call schedule information comprises a time for the scheduled call, a date for the scheduled call, a telephone number for the scheduled call, and a telephone number for the confirmation call, scheduled calls from said first telephone station, said service switching point (SSP) communicating said call schedule information to said service control point (SCP);

(b) processing said call schedule information by said service control point (SCP) to ascertain the parameters for the said scheduled call,

(c) storing said call schedule information by said service control point (SCP) in a said cooperating SCP service control point (SCP) call schedule information database;

(d) monitoring said stored call schedule information by said service control point (SCP) to determine if a said scheduled call is to be placed; and

(e) upon the scheduled time for a said scheduled call, placing said confirmation call to the designated telephone number by said service control point (SCP), said service control point (SCP) communicating with said service switching point (SSP) to place said confirmation call, said service switching point (SSP) communicating a request to said service control point (SCP) to identify cooperating service nodes (SN) to assist in placing said confirmation call, said service switching point (SSP) cooperating with said identified service nodes (SN) to place said confirmation call; and

(f) upon the acknowledgment of said confirmation call by the scheduling party, placing said scheduled call by said service control point (SCP), said service control point (SCP) communicating with said service switching point (SSP) to place the call according to said stored call schedule information, said service control switching point (SSP) communicating a request to said service control point (SCP) to identify cooperating service



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nodes (SN) to assist in placing the scheduled call, said service control switching point (SSP) cooperating with said identified service nodes (SN) to place the scheduled call.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19 16, wherein said confirmation call comprises any of: a DTMF code and an electronic message.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further comprising, in response to receiving call schedule information from said first telephone station, the act of launching a trigger at the said service switching point (SSP), said trigger acting to notify said service control point (SCP) that a call is to be scheduled.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the database at the said service control point (SCP) comprises information identifying for said service switching point (SSP) cooperating plurality of service nodes (SN) for use when processing scheduled calls.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, wherein the act of identifying to the said service switching point (SSP) the plurality of service nodes (SN), comprises transmitting the directory numbers corresponding to the plurality of service nodes (SN) by said service control point (SCP).

25. (Cancelled)



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26. (Previously Presented) A method of completing telephone calls comprising the acts of:

- (a) receiving from a first party information indicative of a call to be scheduled, said information comprising a first telephone number associated with a telephone station to be called, a time to call said telephone station, and a second telephone number at which a confirmation call should be placed;
- (b) storing the received information;
- (c) waiting until said time arrives;
- (d) placing said confirmation call to said first party;
- (e) transmitting, to said first party over said confirmation call, an inquiry as to whether said first party should be connected to said telephone station;
- (f) receiving a response from said first party indicating that said first party should be connected to said telephone station; and
- (g) connecting said first party to said telephone station.

27. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein said information is received from a telephone interface of a telephone station.

28. (Cancelled).

29. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein said information further indicates a date.

30. (Previously Presented) A system of connecting a scheduled telephone call using an automated telephone network comprising:

a telephone station for inputting the call scheduling information by the scheduling party;

a service control point (SCP) in communication with said telephone station, wherein said service control point (SCP) stores said call schedule information, and wherein said SCP and a service node (SN) place a confirmation call to an alternate telephone station identified by said scheduling party;



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a service switching point (SSP) in communication with said service control point (SCP), said telephone station associated with said scheduling party, and a telephone station associated with the party to be called, wherein said service switching point (SSP) connects said scheduling party with said party to be called in response to a request from said service control point (SCP).

31. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, wherein said service control point (SCP) and said service node (SN) place said confirmation call before said scheduled telephone call becomes due.

32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, wherein said service control point (SCP) and said service node (SN) place said confirmation call at a substantially same time said scheduled telephone call becomes due.

33. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, wherein said service control point (SCP) and said service node (SN) place said confirmation call after said scheduled telephone call becomes due.

34. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 30, wherein said service switching point (SSP) connects said scheduling party with said party to be called after said scheduling party acknowledges said confirmation call.

35. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein said service node (SN) places said confirmation call to said alternate telephone station substantially contemporaneous with said confirmation call to said first telephone station.

36. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 11, wherein said service node (SN) places said confirmation call to said alternate telephone station before placing said confirmation call to said first telephone station.

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37. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 36, wherein said service node (SN) places said confirmation call to said first telephone station if there is no answer at said alternate telephone station.

38. (New) A method for scheduling a telephone call, comprising:
determining at a service switching point (SSP) whether a call has been scheduled;
receiving call scheduling information from a telephone interface to the SSP;
if a call has not been scheduled, waiting for a call schedule;
receiving a call schedule service identifier (CSSI) by the SSP, once a call has been scheduled;
transferring the CSSI from the SSP to a service control point (SCP) service package application (SPA);
verifying that the submitted scheduled call is being submitted by a telephone interface authorized to schedule calls with the CSS;
accepting information by the SSP from telephone interface indicative of calls to be scheduled, wherein the call schedule information includes at least one of the following: the time and date of the scheduled call, the number or numbers to be called at the specified time and date, and the confirmation number to call prior to placing the scheduled call.



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REMARKS

In response to the non-final office action dated November 4, 2004, applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the following remarks. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-11, 13-16, 21-24, 26, 27 and 29-37 were rejected in the office action. Claim 38 has been added. No claims have been amended or canceled. Therefore, upon entry of this response, claims 1-11, 13-16, 21-24, 26, 27 and 29-38 will be pending in the application.

The present invention contemplates, in one embodiment, a system for enabling call scheduling on an automated telephone network consisting of a service switching point (SSP), a service node (SN), a service control point (SCP) and a telephone station associated with a scheduling party. The call schedule information, which is entered by the scheduling party on the telephone station, contains time, date, telephone number to be called, and a telephone number for the confirmation call. The service switching point (SSP), service node (SN) and service control point (SCP) interact to place the confirmation call and the scheduled call based on the received call schedule information. The confirmation call is placed to an alternate telephone number that may be identified by the scheduling party.

Claim 38 has been added to claim the feature of accepting and scheduling call information.

Claims 1-11, 13-16, 21-24, 26, 27 and 29-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C.103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,848,132 to Morley *et al.* ("Morley") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,329,578 to Brennan *et al.* ("Brennan").

Morley teaches a system that prompts a scheduling party to schedule a call to a particular telephone number. (*Morley* - Column 4, lines 14-15). In addition, Morley allows for placing a confirmation call. (*Morley* - Column 4, lines 34-38). However, Morley's location of the confirmation call is based on the "customer['s] calling line identity," and not an alternate telephone station as recited in the present claims. (*Morley* - Column 3, lines 57-60) (emphasis added).

The office action acknowledges that "Morley does not specifically teach said service control point (SCP) and said service node (SN) place a confirmation call to an alternate telephone station associated with said scheduling party." (*Office Action dated November 4,*



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2004 at p. 3). However, the office action further contends that the limited teaching of Morley is overcome by Brennan's "routing calls to an alternate telephone number." (*Office Action dated November 4, 2004* at p. 3). In particular, the office action suggests that Brennan teaches routing a call "based on a routing schedule, which specified by the subscriber that is based on a current time of day (see col. 6, lines 50-68, col. 7, lines 1-15, and table 3.0 in col. 7)." (*Office Action dated November 4, 2004* at p. 3). The office action also suggests that Brennan "teaches routing calls using a sequence of destinations (the sequence of destinations may reads on alternate telephone, see table 3.0 in col. 7 such as Home Car, Cottage)." (*Office Action dated November 4, 2004* at p. 3). With all due respect to the contentions in the office action, applicants respectfully disagree. †

The office action's citation to Brennan provides nothing more than support for the notion that a received call may be forwarded to different locations. However, both Brennan and Morley teach away from the claimed feature of placing a scheduling confirmation call to an alternate telephone station associated with the scheduling party. As acknowledged by the office action, Morley teaches placing the confirmation call solely to the customer calling line. As such, Morely, the more recent of the two references, by focusing on the much easier solution of merely contacting the calling line from which the confirmation is being scheduled, clearly teaches away from placing the confirmation call to any other calling line.

Moreover, Brennan also teaches away from the presently claimed features by teaching merely that incoming voice calls may be forwarded to various locations. However, Brennan's teaching regarding incoming voice calls teaches away from the forwarding of other types of calls, like confirmation calls related to call scheduling. Certainly, call forwarding has been available even longer than the Brennan reference. Yet, no where in the record is a reference that provides the forwarding of a confirmation call related to call scheduling. Instead, both references equally teach away from such a feature.

In addition, with all due respect to the contentions in the office action, applicants certainly acknowledge that Brennan merely teaches that incoming calls may be forwarded to various locations. However, applicants respectfully assert that the combination of Morley and Brennan is not, by itself, sufficient to establish a prima facie case of obviousness. The mere fact that references can be combined or modified does not render the resultant combination obvious unless the prior art also suggests the desirability of the combination.

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MPEP 2143. The office action argues that merely because the references can be modified, the combination of the references renders the instant claims obvious.

The office action has not pointed to any suggestion in the prior art regarding a desirability to modify and combine the references. The office action states that it would have been obvious to modify Morley by routing calls to an alternate telephone number as taught by Brennan because it would "enhance the chances of reaching the scheduling party anywhere in order to confirm the conference information with him/her for example." (*Office Action dated November 4, 2004 at p. 4*).

The quoted statement in the office action may be true. However, there is no suggestion in either Morley or Brennan to indicate that it would be desirable to modify Morley by combining it with Brennan to meet the features recited in the present invention. Moreover, the office action has not pointed to any suggestion in either Morley, Brennan or any other prior art reference to support the alleged asserted desirability to modify and combine the references.

Applicants assert that without support in any prior art for the desirability to combine Morley and Brennan to meet the presently claimed features, the office action's assertion of obviousness amounts to nothing more than impermissible hindsight using the applicants' present invention. While assuming that impermissible hindsight reconstruction may lead to such a construction, 35 U.S.C. § 103 requires a higher standard. 35 U.S.C. § 103 requires a specific suggestion or motivation suggested in the prior art to modify the reference or to combine reference teachings. *MPEP 2143.* Neither Morley nor Brennan provide specific guidance that would lead one of ordinary skill in the art to combine the references and obtain the present invention. Specifically, Brennan simply is directed to the forwarding of received telephone calls to one of a list of predetermined telephone numbers. To this end, Brennan notes that a user enters a series of forwarding information, including times associated with certain designated telephone numbers. In the context of the present invention, which is directed to allowing a confirmation call to be placed at various locations, Brennan's teaching is no more relevant than to indicate that incoming calls may be forwarded. Brennan does not teach that such call routing may be associated with a confirmation call for a call scheduling system.



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Likewise, as acknowledged by the office action, Morley does not teach or even hint at the use of an alternate telephone number for its call scheduling confirmation call.

Therefore, neither Morley nor Brennan provide a motivation to combine with each other to arrive at the presently claimed features. In fact, the only motivation to combine in the present record is the motivation provided by the applicant's specification itself, which is forbidden to be attributable to the prior art under current law.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that independent claims 1, 16 and 26 are distinguished over the teachings of Morley in view of Brennan for at least the reasons given above and that the 35 U.S.C. § 103 rejection should be withdrawn. Finally, because claims 2-11, 13-15, 21-24, 27 and 29 depend from independent claims 1, 16 and 26, the rejections of these dependent claims cannot stand for the same reasons noted above by Applicant.

Also, independent claim 38 has been added to claim the feature of accepting and scheduling call information. In particular, claim 38 describes how a check is performed to determine if a call has been scheduled. If call scheduling information is not received, then the method waits for call scheduling information to be entered. Once the call is scheduled, a call schedule service identifier (CSSI) is received by the SSP and passed along to the SCP SPA where it is verified to ensure that the submitted scheduled call is being submitted by a telephone interface authorized to schedule calls. If the telephone interface is authorized to schedule calls with the call scheduling service, the SSP accepts information from telephone interface indicative of calls to be scheduled.

The addition of claim 38 does not constitute new matter. Support for new claim 38 is found throughout the present specification, and particularly at page 9, lines 7-22.




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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested. In the event that the Examiner cannot allow the present application for any reason, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney, Vincent J. Roccia, at (215) 564,8946, to discuss resolution of any remaining issues.

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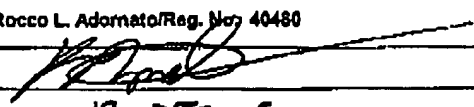
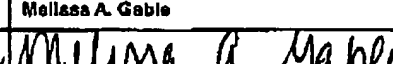
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